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H. RES. 184

Recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. BOREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m. central daylight time in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, America was attacked in one of the worst terrorist attacks on American soil, killing 168 and injuring more than 850 Americans;

Whereas this dastardly act of domestic terrorism affected thousands of families and horrified millions of people across the State of Oklahoma and the United States;

Whereas the people of Oklahoma and the United States responded to this tragedy through the remarkable efforts of local, State, and Federal law enforcement, fire, and emergency services, search and rescue teams from across the

United States, public and private medical personnel, and thousands of volunteers from the community who saved lives, assisted the injured, comforted the bereaved, and provided meals and support to those who came to Oklahoma City to help those endangered or otherwise affected by this terrorist act;

Whereas the people of Oklahoma and the United States pledged themselves to create, build, and maintain a permanent national memorial to remember those who were killed, those who survived, and those changed forever;

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world every year to the site of this tragic event in American history;

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial brings comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity to the many visitors who come to the memorial and museum each year to remember and to learn about this tragic event;

Whereas the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is on April 19, 2005; and

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial will commemorate the anniversary of the terrorist bombing by recognizing the week of April 17–24, 2005, as the National Week of Hope, which will include a day of faith, a day of understanding, a day of remembrance, a day of sharing, a day of tolerance, a day of caring, and a day of inspiration, and the annual Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, A Run to Remember: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) joins with all Americans to send best wishes
2 and prayers to the families, friends, and neighbors
3 of the 168 people killed in the terrorist bombing of
4 the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building;

5 (2) thanks the thousands of first responders,
6 rescue workers, medical personnel, and volunteers
7 from the Oklahoma City community and from com-
8 munities around the Nation who answered the call
9 for help that April morning and in the days and
10 weeks that followed;

11 (3) sends best wishes and thoughts to those in-
12 jured in the bombing, and expresses gratitude for
13 their recovery;

14 (4) resolves to stand with all Americans to pro-
15 mote the goals and mission established by the Okla-
16 homa City National Memorial as stated in the fol-
17 lowing mission statement of the memorial: “We
18 come here to remember those who were killed, those
19 who survived, and those changed forever. May all
20 who leave here know the impact of violence. May
21 this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope,
22 and serenity.”;

23 (5) encourages Americans to observe a National
24 Week of Hope—

1 (A) to commemorate the 10th anniversary
2 of the Oklahoma City bombing; and

3 (B) to allow each American to participate
4 in an event each day of that week to teach a
5 lesson that—

6 (i) hope can exist in the midst of po-
7 litical violence;

8 (ii) good endures in the world even
9 among those who commit bad acts; and

10 (iii) there is a way to resolve dif-
11 ferences other than by resorting to ter-
12 rorism or violence;

13 (6) congratulates the people of Oklahoma City
14 for making tremendous progress over the past dec-
15 ade and for demonstrating their steadfast commit-
16 ment to such lessons; and

17 (7) applauds the people of Oklahoma City as
18 they continue to persevere and to stand as a beacon
19 to the rest of the Nation and the world attesting to
20 the strength of goodness in overcoming evil wherever
21 it arises.

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